House Resolution No. 98

Whereas, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to recognize the meritorious endeavors of outstanding Missourians, a task which this legislative body embraces with great enthusiasm; and

Whereas, John Carton of Marshall, Missouri, will retire from his position as Executive Director of Butterfield Youth Services on April 1, 2008, following thirty-five and one-half years of steadfast and admirable service; and

Whereas, John Carton is an outstanding individual who has faithfully performed his important duties and responsibilities with the utmost professionalism, conscientiousness, and fairness; and

Whereas, the only Executive Director Butterfield Youth Services has ever had, John Carton has overseen the Agency in its growth from ten children to more than eighty residents, has been active in children's advocacy the entire thirty-five years of his career, and has played an instrumental role in the children's service industry; and

Whereas, John Carton has also enjoyed recognition as a lifelong member of the Kiwanis Club, of which he is past President; the Marshall Chamber of Commerce; several school related committees, including the Marshall Public Schools Building Feasability Committee; several childhood safety committees; the Missouri Alliance for Children and Families and the Missouri Coalition for Children's Agencies, of which he is past President; and Covenant Presbyterian Church; and

Whereas, John Carton will undoubtedly look back over the past years and reminisce about his many worthwhile experiences and his special relationships with revered colleagues while basking in the glow of a successful career now at its end; and

Whereas, John Carton has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Jacqueline Carton; and two children, Jans Carton of St. Louis and Julie Carton Conaway of Rolla:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in expressing deep gratitude for the superb service that John Carton has rendered to Butterfield Youth Services during the past thirty-five and one-half years and in wishing him ample opportunity to enjoy the better things life has to offer; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for John Carton.

Offered by

Representative Joe Aull District No. 26

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 98, adopted January 15, 2008.